

Toucan Times

— Edison Elementary School: "A Colorful Place to Learn" —

October 2010



Morley's Memo

by Morley Hegstrom

Dear Edison Families,

And . . . we're off!

We had a fantastic start to another magical year at Edison! At 305 students, we are just a smidge under our enrollment projection of 311. Our largest group is 56 at 5th grade and our smallest is the kindergarten at 46. Even with a rainy Open House, kids are well into routines and our instructional staff is a finely tuned group of educators.

I've seen enthusiastic reading groups; great science inquiries; fun new math activities and of course active PE and recesses! Please know your child is hearing high expectations and provided with countless opportunities for success.

This fall may prove to be one of our busiest. By now, you attended your child's Curriculum Night and homework routines are set. We had a great turnout at Parent Council where lots of plans were laid for our fundraisers, both the EEF

Direct Donation Drive and our own special sale of Cafe Mam coffee and Euphoria Chocolate (just in time for the holidays!).

Unfortunately, we'll need our extra funding next year more than ever. I fear the looming budget gaps will impact all schools; not just those (if any) scheduled to be closed or consolidated. The 4J budget process is gearing up and superintendent George Russell is scheduling meetings with representatives of all schools for input. Please stay tuned for surveys and timelines.

Finally, our parent-teacher conference schedule is a little different this fall. Please note that our NO SCHOOL days are Monday, Nov. 1 and Tuesday, Nov. 2. Conferences are a critical opportunity for you to exchange information with your child's teacher so please watch for scheduling forms in your student's homework envelope/folder.

Thank you for your warm welcome to Edison. Please stop by and introduce yourself if I haven't yet met you. I've been on the job exactly one month and every day has been terrific! I know we'll have a fabulous year because it's a colorful place to learn!

Fondly,
Morley

Come Join the Party!

Hello Edison families! In case you missed our first Parent Council (PTO) meeting in September, we wanted to extend an invitation to come and join us at our next meeting, Tuesday, Oct. 19th from 6:30-8:30 in the Edison library. (Child Care Provided!)

We are really looking forward to getting to know all the new parents. PTO is a great way to stay connected with the school, help influence the Edison experience, and get to know other fun and committed parents. We have some exciting things happening this year and we hope to involve you in making those a great success!

For more information or if you have questions, feel free to contact Jason Aulicino (Aulicino@uoregon.edu) or Tammy Young (entyoung@gmail.com).

Volunteers Needed for Annual Health Screening!

By Kim Warne

Edison will hold its annual Health Screening Day next month, and we will need some parent volunteers. The date for this important event is Thursday, Nov. 18.

We need about 15 volunteers from 8:15 until about 12:00. The time goes by quickly and you get to see all the kids.

The purpose is for a dental check and vision screening. It is a good service, a good way to meet other parents and to get involved. And we provide good bagels and excellent coffee!

It would be ideal for people to volunteer for the whole time but if they can only volunteer for part of the time, that would help some. If you would like to volunteer, please contact me by email at kimkwarne@gmail.com or call me at 541-687-6636 or 868-6989.

2010-11 School Calendar

Wed., Oct. 6..... Bike/Walk to School Day

Thurs., Oct. 7 NO SCHOOL, Furlough Day

Fri., Oct. 8 NO SCHOOL, State Inservice Day

Thurs., Oct. 14 Edison Book Fair, 2:30-9 pm, Edison gym.

Tues., Oct. 19,..... Parent Council Meeting, 6:30-8:30 pm

Thurs., Oct. 21 School Pictures

Mon., Oct. 25, 3 pm Site Council Meeting

Mon., Nov. 1..... NO SCHOOL, Parent/Teacher Conferences

Tues., Nov. 2 NO SCHOOL, Parent/Teacher Conferences

Thurs., Nov. 4, 2:10 pm Coffee/Chocolate Sale Kickoff assembly

Thurs., Nov. 11 NO SCHOOL, Veterans Day

Fri., Nov. 12..... NO SCHOOL, Furlough Day

Tues., Nov. 16, 6:30 pm ... Parent Council Meeting

Thurs., Nov. 18, 8:15-12.... Health Screening Day 1st-5th

Thurs., Nov. 18 Harvest Luncheon

Mon., Nov. 22, 3 pm..... Site Council Meeting

Thurs., Nov. 25 NO SCHOOL, Thanksgiving break

Fri., Nov. 26..... NO SCHOOL, Thanksgiving break

Nov. 29- Dec. 10..... Time of Sharing Food Drive.

Mon., Dec. 13, 3 pm Site Council Meeting

Dec. 20 – Jan. 3, 2011 NO SCHOOL, Holiday break

Dates subject to change; please check the online calendar throughout the year.

Superintendent Search: We Want to Hear From You!

4J Superintendent George Russell has announced that this will be his last year. The school board hopes to name a new superintendent before spring break.

One of the first steps in the superintendent search process will be developing a profile — a list of the strengths and qualities that 4J's students, parents, staff and community think the superintendent should have. And to do this, the Superintendent Search Committee needs your help.

Please complete an online survey at www.4j.lane.edu until noon on Oct. 2. If you don't have internet access, you can pick up a paper copy of the survey in the school office. The school office also can fax your completed survey for you.

To report that a student will be absent from school please call 541-790-8925.

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Readers of All Ages!

Come to the Edison Book Fair


Thursday, October 14th

Sponsored by the University of Oregon Bookstore, this evening is a benefit for the Edison library. Edison receives 25 % of the proceeds from the sale of each item to purchase much-needed new books for the library. Cash, checks and credit cards accepted.

On behalf of and in the name of your student you can also Adopt-a-Book for the Edison library. Come to the book fair and help support the Edison library and READING!

Mark your calendars for Thursday, October 14th for the annual Edison Book Fair in the gym. You can order from a huge selection of books for children through adults, craft books, cookbooks, 2011 calendars and more. You may place orders from 7:30 am to 9:00 pm. Think of holiday, birthday and special occasion gifts. This event is a lot of fun!

Bookish Volunteers Needed!

If you'd like to volunteer for this fundraising and community-building event, please contact Tara Parrillo (tarasnumber@comcast.com) or Hillary Johnson (htjohnson@comcast.net). It takes many volunteers to make this event successful.

Edison Parent Council's New Home on the Web! It's All Here!

By Lisa MacMaster

Want to find out how you can get up to speed on the various ways to get involved at Edison Elementary?

Everything's going digital, right? Or at least in the cyberworld and we're also paving new ground! Last year's Parent Council launched a brand new "Edison Parent Council" website with relevant information about getting involved with fundraising, and various community-building events that take place throughout the year.

Edison is a special community, in large part because it's home to so many caring, supportive and energetic parents.

Some folks are available during the school day to help out, but others can only help out for an evening here or there. We have options for everyone who wants to be connected to the school and their children.

The new site is set up in a blogging format, so the most recent information is on the front page and entered as a post. There are also different categories to navigate including Events, Fundraising, and our Mission. You can sign up for different events and volunteer opportunities, donate directly to Edison or merely keep up to speed on the latest happenings.

Please visit the new website at www.edisonparentcouncil.com.

Coming Soon! Edison EEF Direct Drive Campaign

This October, Edison will be sending home information about our annual EEF (Eugene Education Fund) fundraising campaign. The Direct Drive campaign asks parents, neighbors, and friends to give directly to support Edison School. Funds raised through the Direct Drive Campaign allow Edison to provide instructional assistants in our classrooms, thereby allowing teachers to do differentiated instruction, and also support our P.E., music and behavioral support staffing. With state and local education budgets continuing to be cut, these direct contributions are critical to Edison's ability to continue offering the high-quality education that helps our students become competent, compassionate members of the community and inspired global citizens.

EEF was established in 1993 to support 4J schools and now serves as a fundraising mechanism to support individual

4J schools and the 4J district overall. EEF is a 501c(3) non-profit organization and all contributions are tax-deductible. Look for a letter and more information in October. Thank you for supporting Edison at whatever level you can. If you have any questions about the Direct Drive campaign or EEF, please contact the Direct Drive parent chair, Laura Illig, at laura@corinthian-consulting.com or talk with Morley in the office.

WANTED: GRAPHIC DESIGNER

The Toucan Times team would like to find a volunteer to take over the task of laying out the newsletter. It is a fun job that requires knowledge of InDesign and a little bit Photoshop. Please contact Livia Fremouw at livia@fremouwphotography.com or 541-344-3389 for more information. There is a free limousine service for the Toucan Times designers!



Coffee and Chocolate for Edison!



The crisp days of autumn are here and with them come falling leaves, cooler days, and coffee. Coffee? Yes, coffee! Once again, you can raise money for Edison School while drinking your morning cup of Joe!

Edison's annual Fall Fundraiser is coming and once again we are excited to be working with two fabulous local companies, Café Mam (pronounced 'mom') and Euphoria Chocolate Company.

Café Mam offers 100% organic, shade grown, high altitude, 100% fair trade, freshly roasted Arabica coffee. (Whew that's a lot to say, but it's all important!) We will be selling Café Mam's most popular coffee blends: Tango, French Roast, and Italian Decaf, all available in whole bean or ground one pound bags. We have sold all three of these coffees over the last few years and they have proven to be wildly popular and sold incredibly well. We have heard reports back from self-proclaimed "coffee snobs" that this is good coffee. But don't take our word for it -- decide for yourself. Look for tasting opportunities coming in October and November.

We will also be selling tantalizing treats and delicious drinking cocoa from Euphoria Chocolate Company. Euphoria has been keeping Eugene in high quality, impeccably made chocolate for over 20 years. Euphoria has worked with Edison to select some of their most popular chocolates, those which will appeal to both children and the discriminating chocoholic. Stock up for those

stockings, share Eugene's chocolate secret with out-of-state family, or buy yourself that stash of sweetness you know you deserve. And did we mention the hot chocolate? Divine! It's great by the cup or mixed with coffee to make a delicious mocha.

There will be a fundraising kick-off assembly in early November, and order information will go home with students at that time. Orders and packets will be due back after Thanksgiving break. This will allow students to take their packets to family gatherings over Thanksgiving and sell, sell, sell! Orders will be sent home in time for holiday gift giving (approx. Dec 14.)

Last year we sold over \$19,000 worth of coffee, cocoa and chocolate which brought in over \$9,000 for our school. That money helped support literacy programs at Edison. Again this year the money raised during this fundraiser will be used to help students of all ability levels excel in reading. Now more than ever Edison needs our help to raise funds to offset staffing cuts. By financially supporting additional instructional assistant time in the classroom, it will enable teachers to implement leveled reading groups and we can help provide all students with the time and resources they need to become eager and engaged readers.

So when the time comes, hit up those coworkers, the family at Thanksgiving, or email your book group asking them if they want to stock up on coffee for the year (it freezes well!) or get some of their holiday shopping done early. They can feel good about buying high quality, delicious coffee and goodies while supporting our elementary school AND two great local businesses at the same time.

For more information or if you would like to help with this year's fall fundraiser, please contact Jen Thoennes at 345-4970 or by email at pighart@hotmail.com.

Edison After-School Enrichment Activities

Each year a variety of fee-based enrichment activities are offered. Check our school and community bulletin board for a current selection. Below is a sampling of activities offered:

Science: Mythbusters for Kids!

Edison Students 1st-5th grade (maximum 25 students)
Tuesdays 2:35-4pm
October 5th- December 7th
Fee: \$100 (10 weeks, includes all supplies)
Instructor: Jason Aulicino, 541-510-1279

Kindergarten After-School Friday Enrichment

Enrolled Edison Kindergarten students (maximum 20)
Art—Science—Physical Education
Fridays 8:15-11:15 Sept. 10th- Dec.17th (No class Oct 8th;
Nov 12th; 26th)
Fee; \$25/day (12 weeks, includes all supplies)
Instructor: Jason Aulicino and Laura Harris

Edison French Club

The club will be meeting on either Wednesdays or Thursdays this year. Our goal is to promote the French language and help our children become familiar with it's use. Since we will be parent-led this year, there will be no fees, and everyone is welcome. Email Heidi Doggwiler at hdoggwiler@msn.com if you are interested.

Edison Choir and Kinder Choir

Both start Sept. 29 and will meet every Wednesday after school, Kinders 12:00-12:40, Edison Choir 1:00-1:50. For more information contact SingingSharon@gmail.com or visit http://staff.4j.lane.edu/~rogers_s

Staff Profile: Crystal Thomas, Part-time Teacher



My name is Crystal Thomas. Many of you already know me as I have been a guest teacher in Eugene for many years. My interest in working with children began twenty years ago while I worked at the EWEB Child Development Center.

After spending eight years there and earning a Bachelor's degree in Psychology from the U of O, I opened my own small, yet very successful home day care which enabled me to put into practice all of my knowledge of children; developmentally, socially, as well as educationally.

Feeling like I needed to take the next step professionally, I earned a Master's of Arts in Teaching from Pacific University (I spent part of my student teaching in Frank James' third grade classroom!), and then worked with at-risk children and their families at the Relief Nursery.

During that time I also began teaching in the Talented and Gifted program through the U of O. For the past ten years I have taught Super Saturday and Super Summer classes. I enjoy teaching a tropical

rainforest class and a whales/ocean class. I have had many wonderful Edison children in my classes over the years! And of course, I have been a guest teacher throughout Eugene for years.

I live in South Eugene with my husband, Peter, and our six year-old son, Jack. We spend time playing (lots), growing yummy vegetables in our garden, reading great books, and visiting family and friends.

This year I will be teaching on Mondays in Debra Gelzer's fourth grade classroom. I am thrilled to have this opportunity to teach and learn with kids I've known for years, and others that I am just getting to know. I hope to bring my enthusiasm of teaching and my love of children to the students, families, and staff at Edison. I am looking forward to a fabulous year!

Staff Profile: Brenna Fairchild, 2nd Grade Job-share Teacher



I was born and raised here in Eugene. I attended Western Oregon University for my undergraduate degree and Pacific University's Master's in Teaching program.

I first experienced the wonderful Edison community when I student taught in Lisa Fragala's classroom in the fall of 2007. I graduated in December of 2008 and began substitute teaching. For the last few years I've been subbing and continued to stay connected to Edison and its wonderful students and staff.

I am excited to be a part of Edison and I hope to bring new ideas related to technology and integrating it into our new math program.

Some of my favorite things to do are camping and go white water rafting. I love to cook, and try new foods. I also love spending time with my family who all live in the Pacific Northwest.

Someone might not guess that I love sandwiches! If I weren't a teacher I would open a sandwich shop and make every kind of sandwich you could think of! The 2nd graders in Room 12 know that sandwiches are great combination food. (We started the year with a nutrition unit.)

My most memorable life experience is the summer that I spent in Romania working in orphanages. I will never forget the children I met, and the friends that I made across the world. It is an experience that will forever be dear to my heart.

I look forward to meeting many students around Edison and to a wonderful school year full of smiles!



Our Back to School BBQ was an enormous success! We set up for a rainy day, but enjoyed some sunshine! So many parents helped out, but special thank yous go to our servers, including Cynthia Patterson, Summer Spinner, Teresa Elmore, Laura Marriott, Samantha Brauner, Mike Munson, AND Burla Rice, Christina's (our new food coordinator) mother!

Use the POWER of your everyday purchases to support EDISON programs!

There are so many things you can do to help Edison Elementary- and many of them are completely FREE! Take advantage of eScrip and Unique Eugene certificates and start making truly "FREE" money for Edison!

Sign-up for eScrip!

Your daily purchases could be earning hundreds of dollars for Edison.

When you shop locally at Market of Choice, Safeway and Macy's (or online, at any of hundreds of retailers), you could be earning money for Edison, all year long, at no additional cost to you.

eScrip participants earned \$7,191 last year. With broad participation, a school our size could easily earn \$15,000. Expand our circle; friends and family across town and across the country can earn contributions for Edison. Learn more and sign up at www.givetoedison.com.

Already signed up? To update credit/debit card information, transfer your existing eScrip account to Edison or, simply admire your contributions go to www.givetoedison.com

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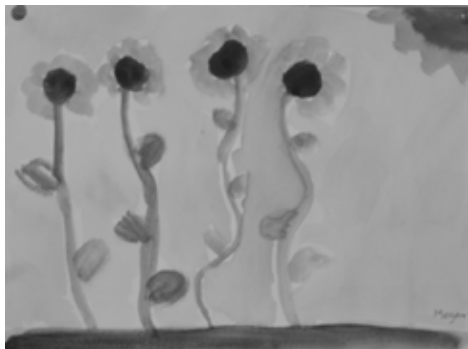
Simply by purchasing Unique Eugene certificates (available in the Edison office), you automatically send 10% of your purchases Edison's way.

Many of the local retailers you already buy from are participants in this great program!

- Blue Mountain Jewelry
- Dot Dotson's
- Down to Earth Farm and Garden
- Eugene Toy and Hobby
- Greater Goods
- Harlequin Beads and Jewelry
- Newman's Fish Market
- Oregon Art Supply
- Passionflower Design
- Paul's Bicycle Way of Life
- Rainbow Optics
- Saturday Market and Holiday Market
- Smith Family Bookstore
- Sundance Natural Foods
- Tactics Board Shop

Thank You!

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Student Corner Writing

Who Are You? Ava, age 9

If you could be any kind of animal, what would you be? Peregrine falcon.

Who is your favorite author? Erin Hunter, Kathryn Lasky

What is your favorite type of music? Avril Lavigne, Rock & roll.

What do you want to be when you grow up? Book writer, Brazilian World Cup Soccer player.

What is your favorite subject in school? Reading and spelling.

What is your favorite book? Bluestar's Prophecy.

If you could take a trip to any place in the world, where would you go? Brazil, Japan.

What is your favorite ice cream flavor? Chocolate chip cookie dough.

What is your favorite sport? Soccer, ice skating.

Who is your favorite actor? Actress? Dakota Fanning

If you could travel back in time, at what event in history would you like to be? 1952, Polio epidemic.

What is your favorite way to spend a Saturday afternoon? Practicing soccer.

Who Are You? Callia, age 9

If you could be any kind of animal, what would you be? A cat.

Who is your favorite author? E. D. Baker

What is your favorite type of music? Country.

What do you want to be when you grow up?

Vet.

What is your favorite subject in school?

Reading.

What is your favorite book? Wings.

If you could take a trip to any place in the world, where would you go? France and Monaco.

What is your favorite ice cream flavor? Mint chip.

What is your favorite sport? Swimming.

Who is your favorite actor? Actress? Up movie.

If you could travel back in time, at what event in history would you like to be? The Old West.

What is your favorite way to spend a Saturday afternoon? Reading and drawing.

Who Are You? Fagen, age 9.

If you could be any kind of animal, what would you be? Turtle.

Who is your favorite author? The author of the 'Element' series.

What is your favorite type of music? KDUK 104.7

What do you want to be when you grow up? Rubix cube champion.

What is your favorite subject in school? Read aloud.

What is your favorite book? The 'Element' series.

If you could take a trip to any place in the

world, where would you go? Las Vegas, the Venetian.

What is your favorite ice cream flavor? Mint Oreos shake.

What is your favorite sport? Tennis.

Who is your favorite actor? Bill Hader

If you could travel back in time, at what event in history would you like to be? When the rubix cube was invented.

What is your favorite way to spend a Saturday afternoon? Look for cheats on computer games at youtube.com

Who Are You? Gabby, age 9.

If you could be any kind of animal, what would you be? Bunny.

Who is your favorite author? All

What is your favorite type of music?

Classical.

What do you want to be when you grow up? Artist.

What is your favorite subject in school?

Writing, drawing.

What is your favorite book? All

If you could take a trip to any place in the world, where would you go? Art Gallery.

What is your favorite ice cream flavor? Vanilla.

What is your favorite sport? Soccer.

Who is your favorite actor? Any

If you could travel back in time, at what event in history would you like to be? The Roman gods time.

What is your favorite way to spend a Saturday afternoon? Drawing and writing songs.

Who Are You? Gabe, age 9.

If you could be any kind of animal, what would you be? A cat.

Who is your favorite author? Percy Jackson

What is your favorite type of music? Rock

What do you want to be when you grow up? A pilot.

What is your favorite subject in school?

Math.

What is your favorite book? Percy Jackson.

If you could take a trip to any place in the world, where would you go? Paris, France.

What is your favorite ice cream flavor? Galaxy.

What is your favorite sport? Unicycling.

Who is your favorite actor? Johnny Depp.

If you could travel back in time, at what event in history would you like to be? The 1800's.

What is your favorite way to spend a Saturday afternoon? Playing video games.

Who Are You? Jack, age 9.

If you could be any kind of animal, what would you be? A cat.

Who is your favorite author? Jeff Kinney.

What is your favorite type of music? Pop.

What do you want to be when you grow up? Doctor, professor.

What is your favorite subject in school? Math.

What is your favorite book? The Graveyard Book.

If you could take a trip to any place in the world, where would you go? Orlando.

What is your favorite ice cream flavor? Coffee.

What is your favorite sport? Football.

Who is your favorite actor? Steve Martin.

If you could travel back in time, at what event in history would you like to be? Making the light bulb.

What is your favorite way to spend a Saturday afternoon? Play Sequence.

Who Are You? Josephine, age 9.

If you could be any kind of animal, what would you be? A kitten.

Who is your favorite author? Genre?

Fantasy

What is your favorite type of music?

Classical.

What do you want to be when you grow up? A vet.

What is your favorite subject in school? Art.

What is your favorite book? Sarah, Plain and Tall.

If you could take a trip to any place in the world, where would you go? Paris.

What is your favorite ice cream flavor? Bubble gum.

What is your favorite sport? Soccer

What is your second favorite subject?

Homework.

What is your favorite way to spend a Saturday afternoon? Read!!

Who Are You? Kai, age 9.

If you could be any kind of animal, what would you be? Human.

Who is your favorite author? Norton Juster

What do you want to be when you grow up?

Animal tamer.

What is your favorite subject in school?

Reading.

What is your favorite book? Phantom Toll Booth.

If you could take a trip to any place in the world, where would you go? China.

What is your favorite ice cream flavor? Mint chip.

What is your favorite sport? Baseball.

If you could travel back in time, at what event in history would you like to be? The Civil War.

What is your favorite way to spend a Saturday afternoon? Jump on the trampoline.

New Flu Vaccine Covers Swine Flu

Fall weather brings the return to school and, unfortunately, cold & flu season. This year, the CDC recommends that everyone over six months of age receive influenza vaccination this year.

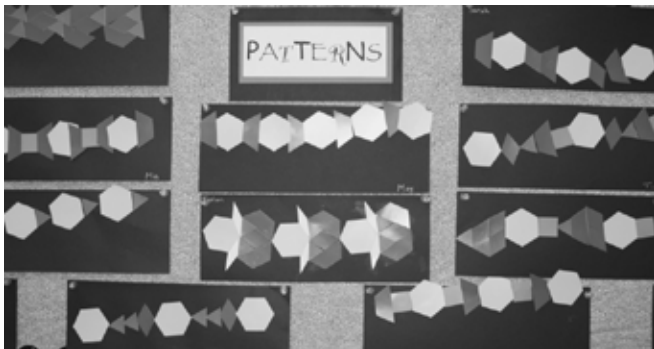
This year's seasonal flu vaccine contains the H1N1 (Swine flu) antigen and two other strains. Healthcare workers are advised to be vaccinated as well as household contacts and out-of-home caregivers of children up to 5 years of age.

High risk groups for complications from seasonal flu include anyone over 50, especially those with health problems; residents of long-term care facilities; any person with certain chronic medical conditions; pregnant women; and babies & young children.

Parents of young children are encouraged to have them vaccinated at their medical provider's office or by appointment at Lane County Public Health.

Lane County Public Health offers flu and other vaccinations for anyone over 6 months of age at our new location: 151 West 7th Avenue, Eugene.

For appointments or more information, phone 541-682-4041.



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Know what to do about the flu!

Action steps for parents to protect your family this school year

Public health officials recommend four main ways to help keep you and your family from getting sick with the flu at school and at home:

- Practice good hand hygiene by washing your hands often with soap and water, especially after coughing or sneezing. If soap and water are not available, alcohol-based hand cleansers also are effective. Avoid other ways viruses can be easily transmitted, such as sharing personal items (e.g. drinks, food, eating utensils).
- Cover your mouth and nose with a tissue when you cough or sneeze. If you don't have a tissue, cough or sneeze into your elbow or shoulder, not into your hands.
- Keep children at home if they are sick with flu-like illness. Stay home for at least 24 hours after there is no longer a fever or signs of a fever, without the use of fever-reducing medicine.
- Symptoms of the flu are a fever (over 100 degrees F.) along with symptoms such as cough, sore throat, runny or stuffy nose, body aches, headache, and feeling very tired.

A little snuffle is not a reason to stay home, but influenza is! Keeping sick students at home means that they keep their viruses to themselves rather than sharing them with others.

Watch for flu clinics at your doctor's office, clinic, pharmacy or elsewhere, and take advantage of them as soon as available.

Other recommended steps to prepare for the possibility of flu include: updating your emergency contact information at your schools; planning for child care at home if your child gets sick or their school is dismissed, identifying any family members who are at higher risk of serious disease from the flu and talking to your healthcare provider about a plan to protect them during the flu season.

For more information:

Eugene School District 4J: www.4j.lane.edu

Oregon flu information: flu.oregon.gov

National flu information: www.flu.gov or call 1-800-CDCINFO

For 24 hour recorded local flu information, call Lane County Public Health at 541-682-4181



Community Events

Fairmount Farmers Market, every Sunday from 10am-3pm, Sun Automotive parking lot (at E. 19th Ave & Agate)

After School Art Class: The Grand Tour, Wednesdays, September 29 – November 17, 3:30– 5:30 pm, Jordan Schnitzer Museum of Art

Inspired by the museum's fall exhibition Vasi's Rome, children will "travel" to Rome and take a grand tour examining its architecture, art, and culture. Explore printmaking techniques like the old masters, create your own grand tour and map of Eugene, and engage in painting scenes of life in Italy. Ages: 7 -11. Cost: \$75 (\$67.50 JSMA members). (541) 346-3027. Registration form can be found at: <http://jsma.uoregon.edu/programs/families-kids/camps-classes.aspx>

Fall Roundup Party, Friday, October 1, 6-8 pm, Museum of Natural and Cultural History

Dress in your favorite western wear and join the museum gang to enjoy food and drink while exploring the new PaleoLab exhibit Horses and Grasslands. Early grasses and grazers may have changed the world. Fifty-five million years ago, after the extinction of dinosaurs, the earliest known ancestors of horses came to North America from Asia. Explore the co-evolution of horses and grasses. Free. (541) 346-3024.

Go Ducks! October 1-2, 11 am - 5 pm, Jordan Schnitzer Museum of Art and Museum of Natural and Cultural History

The JSMA and the UO's Museum of Natural and Cultural History offer free admission to visitors on home game weekends during the 2010 Ducks Football Season. Additional dates: October 2-3, October 21. Free admission.

Colonial Harvest Days, October 1- 31, Mon. and Wed. – Sat. 10am-5 pm, Sun. 12-5 pm, Northern Lights Christmas Tree Farm

Launch pumpkins with the Trebuchet, ride to the pumpkin patch with Pilgrim Bob and meet cows, pigs, turkeys and goats. Closed Tuesdays. Each weekend there will be live music, face painting, pony rides and a food. Pie eating contest begins at 2 pm (541) 746-5161.

Astronomy Day, Saturday, October 16, 10 am - 4 pm, Science Factory

Find out more about our solar system and the outer reaches of space in our exhibit hall, and participate in hands-on astronomy-related activities. Weather permitting, you will be invited to safely view the Sun through a telescope. At 11 am and 1 pm, come to our special live interactive planetarium show featuring Rick Kang of Pine Mountain Observatory and Planetarium Director Sue Peterson in the Dome. At 3 pm, Eugene native Quentin Holmes, Ph.D. will speak about his role as a former NASA special advisor to Mission Control during the Project Apollo Lunar Missions as part of his presentation "The Moon & Ampl Beyond: Mankind Explores the Solar System." All Ages/Free with admission. Regular fees apply to Dome shows. Call (541) 682-7888.

Cinderella, Saturday, October 16, 7:30 pm; Sunday, October 17, 2 pm, Hult Center

This enchanting fairy tale follows Cinderella's journey from servant to princess in a timeless story cherished by adults and children alike. Cinderella evokes humor with the antics of the ugly step-sisters, romance at Prince Charming's ball, and sparkles with brilliance in the magical fairy scenes. A full stage production complete with incredible dancing, elaborate sets and gorgeous costumes and set to Prokofiev's lush musical score. \$48, \$42, \$43, \$22, youth discounts available. (541) 682-5000.

Dog Tale Time: Downtown, Sundays, October 16, 23, 30, 2 – 3:30 pm, Eugene Public Library

Kids build skills by reading to trained dogs. Dogs and handlers courtesy of PAAWS (People and Animals Who Serve), a local chapter of the Delta Society. Starting a week in advance, pre-register for 15-minute reading sessions. Grades 1-6. (541) 682-8316.

Haunted Hike, Friday, October 22, 5:30-9 pm, Nearby Nature

Celebrate night creatures! Enjoy a pumpkin-lit hike in Alton Baker Park and meet an entertaining costumed owl, bat, frog, spider, and more. Enjoy crafts, snacks, displays, and a raffle as well! Rain or moonshine. Meet at Alton Baker Park Shelter #2. Members free, non-members \$5/person. Pre-registration required: (541) 687-9699.

Family Movie and Game Night at Amazon, Friday, October 22, 5:30-9 pm, Amazon Community Center

Bring the family or friends for a movie (The Princess & the Frog) at the rec room. Game room opens at 5:30 pm for foosball, ping pong, Wii fitness and board games. Movie at 6:30 pm. Popcorn provided. Free. (541) 346-3027.

Scarecrow Building and Pumpkin Carving, Sunday, October 24, 1 - 3 pm, Mount Pisgah Arboretum

The Arboretum staff provides inspiration and know-how for creative pumpkin carving, and you can design your own unique scarecrow to enter in the Scarecrow contest at the Mushroom Festival or display on your lawn. \$5 per pumpkin or scarecrow. (541) 747-1504.

Halloween Stories, Sunday, October 24, 3 - 4 pm, Eugene Public Library, Downtown

Halloween stories. Lots of fun and slightly scary! For kids and family. (541) 682-8316.

Haunted Hayride, Mon. – Wed., October 25 - 27, Dorris Ranch Living History Farm

Ride through the haunted trails of Dorris Ranch, where ghosts and goblins emerge from the shadows of filbert orchards. Warm up afterward with some hot apple cider and games and crafts. This family-friendly event sells out fast so RSVP today. \$5 admission. Call for reservations. (541) 736-4544.

Support Nearby Nature's Youth Scholarship Fund at a Track Town Pizza Pie Day, Wed. Oct. 27

Join us at Track Town Pizza at 1809 Franklin Blvd. on Wednesday, October 27 for a Nearby Nature fundraiser. All day long, Track Town will donate 50% of the cost of your pizza, salad, or soup order (not for delivery items) to Nearby Nature's Youth Scholarship Fund if you bring in our special coupon. Coupons are available at <http://www.nearbynature.org/membership/benefit-days>. Scholarships help families pay for daycamps, school programs, No School Days, and other youth programs. Coupons will not be available at Track Town-bring your coupon with you!

BOOOO Barn, Friday October 29, 4:30-7:30 pm, Petersen Barn Community Center

Celebrate the fall season. Enjoy carnival games, fall crafts and more. It's a fun filled evening for the whole family. Drop-in. Free. (541) 682-5521.

Mad Scientists' Halloween Extravaganza, Saturday, October 30, 5 -8 pm, Science Factory

Put on your costume and join us again for some hauntingly mad Halloween fun! Explore spooky science demonstrations and eerie experiments in our Mad Scientist's lab. Try to win prizes in our horrifying Halloween Carnival. And no Halloween can be complete without seeing how far you can fling a pumpkin using our trebuchet!

Note: The Science Factory will be closed from 1 pm - 5 pm to prepare for this event. Individual workshop \$10 for members/\$15 for non-members. Call (541) 682-7888.

Mushroom Festival, Sunday, October 31, 10 am - 5 pm, Mount Pisgah Arboretum

This event is the largest mushroom display on the West Coast. Hundreds of locally collected wild fungi will be on display, with experts on hand to answer questions and identify any specimens that visitors bring in. The festival also features a huge plant sale, scarecrow contest, children's activities, hayrides, craft vendors, incredible mushroom-inspired food, fresh apple cider, and great music. \$5 per person, children under 12 free. (541) 747-3817.

Parent Council Update

The Mission of the Edison Parent Council is to:

- Serve as ambassadors, fostering communication and a sense of community among all parents.
- Encourage parent and community volunteerism at school.
- Coordinate projects and initiatives that contribute to school goals.
- Serve as advisers to other groups in the school.
- Coordinate fund-raising efforts and encourage parents and community members to support Edison fundraisers.
- Advocate for the needs of elementary school children at Edison and throughout Oregon to 4J district, regional and state policymakers.

What We Do: The Parent Council holds a meeting once a month to discuss upcoming events, community needs and fun projects happening at Edison. Morley Hegstrom, Edison's principal, delivers an update on school-related business at each meeting. Some meetings also include guest speakers from the community. Parent Council Meetings are an opportunity for parents to become informed about issues or changes taking place at Edison, as well as to offer a parent perspective on decisions being made.

New Leadership: At the last Parent Council meeting of the 2009/2010 school year, Jason Aulicino introduced Tammy Young as the candidate to replace Lisa MacMaster as Parent Council Co-Chair.

She was unanimously accepted, and so Tammy will serve for two years as Co-Chair. Welcome Tammy!

New Website: With great determination and effort, Sabrina Parsons and Lisa MacMaster, have created a new Edison Parent Council website that is linked to the new Edison website. The Edison Parent Council website can be found at <http://edisonparentcouncil.com/> Important Parent Council information will be posted there including, descriptions of Edison events (fundraising and community,) our mission statement, contacts, and an electronic volunteer sign-up form (easy to use!) Many thank you's to Sabrina and Lisa!

Edison Facebook: Edison has entered the 21st Century with a Facebook page, constructed and run by Parent Council! Please bookmark this page as there is another "Edison School" facebook page with the same picture, which is not associated to Edison! Please help direct others to the correct site. There is a direct link from the Edison Parent Council Website for your convenience.

Continuing Evolution of New Structure for Parent Council: In the spirit of last year's changes to make Parent Council more efficient and effective, there will be additional positive changes this year to maximize our communication, fundraising, and community building efforts. We will continue to reorganize in order to more fully address the community-building, fund-raising, and advocacy aspects

of our mission. New positions on Parent Council, and other various volunteer opportunities, will be created to fill the growing needs of the Edison community.

New Room Parent Volunteer Coordinator: Parent Council's Raina Megert has volunteered to coordinate the effort to work with teachers and room parents to create a volunteer schedule for parents to be more involved in the classroom. The hope is that students and teachers will have the reliable support of parents in the classroom, in addition to having a tech support consultant for each classroom. This position will be evolving rapidly of the first months of school and work closely with Parent Council.

Large Gifts to Edison: As part of our fundraising effort, Edison Parent Council is interested in seeking large gifts to benefit our school on a long-term basis. This year a team will be constructed to further explore this idea. If you have knowledge in this area, or are passionate about this mission, Parent Council would like to hear from you.

Parent Council Meeting Minutes: A synopsis of Parent Council meeting minutes will be posted the Edison Parent Council website as well as on the Parent Council bulletin board down the hall from the office.

Parent Council Co-Chairs: Jason Aulicino (aulicino@uoregon.edu) and Tammy Young (entyoung@gmail.com).

Edison Site Council Report

Edison, like all 4J schools, has a Site Council that serves as a governing body for the school. Edison's 2010-2011 Site Council is comprised of the following individuals:

- Morley Hegstrom, Principal
- Laura Hood, 1st Grade
- Jen Berglund, Kindergarten
- John Benson, 3rd Grade
- Jenny Vondracek, 4th Grade
- Judy Weber, Elementary School Assistant
- Kirsten Frazer, Parent
- Laura Illig, Parent

Site Council has a number of roles it plays for the school. Site Council is responsible for:

- Developing and monitoring school improvement goals
- Allocating and prioritizing parent-generated funds
- Making recommendations on classroom configurations and specialist allocations
- Setting policy for school fundraising and spending
- Implementing grants and facilitating grant applications
- Determining curricular philosophy and goals, and
- Facilitating staff development needs.

In addition, in 2011, Site Council will be working closely with 4J representatives and

Edison community stakeholders (parents, teachers, staff) to develop a principal profile for use in hiring Edison's new principal.

Watch this space in the Toucan Times for Site Council updates. One of the parent representatives will also be attending each Parent Council meeting and providing a report on the most recent Site Council meeting and relevant proceedings.

For more information, or to share your thoughts, please feel free to email one of your parent representatives, Kirsten Frazer (k.frazer@comcast.net) or Laura Illig (laura@corinthian-consulting.com), or contact Morley in the school office.